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A Valve Prothesis for Implantation in the Body and a Catheter for

Implanting Such Valve Prothesis

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 1, amend claims 2, 3, 5 and 8 and add new claims 13 and 14, as follows:

2. The valve prosthesis according to claim 13, wherein the support means is made of thread structure.

3. The valve prosthesis according to claim 14, wherein the thread structure comprises several spaced apices that extend from one end of the cylindrical support means in direction along the longitudinal axis of the cylindrical support means, the commissural points of the valve being attached to the apices.

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